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Letter dated 6 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In my capacity as the President of the United Nations High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, I am pleased to inform you that the process of negotiations on the draft resolution on the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (A/63/L.68) has resulted in an agreement between Member States on the terms and modalities of the Conference.

Nevertheless, there is one pending issue under consideration which is delaying the preparations for the Conference from proceeding as previously scheduled in accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/233.

In this regard, I encourage all Member States to demonstrate utmost flexibility to reach a consensus, especially in view of the good will shown by Kenya and taking into account the efforts Kenya has so far made on preliminary preparations, a matter which deserves our collective acknowledgment and appreciation.

In order to remove the remaining obstacles that may prevent Member States from moving forward in their negotiations, I propose either of the following solutions:

1. To make no reference in the draft resolution under review to controversial issues, taking into account that the draft resolution under consideration is a modality text and not substantive one, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 63/233. Of course, this doesn't prevent Member States from proposing issues of interest to them during the drafting of the outcome document of the Conference, which should be done in an open, inclusive and transparent manner;

2. To have an annex to the draft resolution containing a reference to all previous United Nations conferences, processes, documents and other related issues pertaining to South-South cooperation.

I have no doubt that it is in our interest to strive to make the forthcoming High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation a real landmark of south-south and triangular cooperation, and that we should take advantage of this

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ongoing United Nations intergovernmental process in order to strengthen the economic ties that exist among both the countries of the South and the countries of the North.

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